



## Tourist selection

Due to its geographic position Mežica is an important starting point for mountaineering and mountain biking enthusiasts. The surrounding meadows and extensive green forests are riddled with numerous forest roads which offer bikers and hikers a choice between paths with different levels of difficulty.

Mežica is one of the starting points for mountaineering trips to the mighty Peca mountain. It rises in all its beauty over the town and has for centuries been immersed in the veil of the mysterious King Matjaž legend which originated in the 15th century. It speaks of the good king who escaped to the mountain, fleeing the overpowering Turkish army and the mountain giving him refuge in one of its caves. Only a stone throw away from the cave with a statue of King Matjaž the Mountaineering Society of Mežica runs a pleasant mountain lodge.

**More at:** [www.pdmezica.si](http://www.pdmezica.si)

You can discover natural and cultural points of interest on a 1.8 km long learning trail which connects the tourist mine, Peca Underground Museum and the centre of Mežica. Information points with pleasant resting areas are dotted along the trail.

**More at:** [www.mezica.si](http://www.mezica.si)



The town's tourist offer is complemented by a permanent exhibition dedicated to the beekeeping heritage of Mežica and Carinthia. The development of the beekeeping organisation in Carinthia is presented on the picturesquely painted beehives in the former Gutenberger mill.

**More at:** [www.czm.si](http://www.czm.si)

When you feel tired from exploring you can rest at one of the tourist farms scattered in the Mežica hillsides. You will be treated with many homemade delicacies in an ambient of the well preserved traditionally built farms. Cider—a traditional beverage made by alcoholic fermentation of apple juice, along with black rye bread and "kvočevinudlni"—dumplings with dry pear filling hold a special place in Carinthian culinary tradition.



## Events in Mežica

<b>TRADITIONAL CARNIVAL MASQUERADE</b>	carnival Saturday
<b>MEŽICA SUMMER</b>	June
<b>St. BARBARA FAIR</b>	1st Saturday in December
<b>HAPPY DECEMBER IN MEŽICA</b>	December

## Coulinary offer

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bar / restaurant / pub

tourist farm / pub



# MEŽICA

*in Peca's embrace ...*



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In a dynamic basin, where the river Meža and Šumca stream meet, at an altitude of 491 meters lies the town of Mežica. Mežica is home to approximately 3.700 inhabitants and is the seat of the same named municipality. Because of its location the town has characteristics of a pleasant alpine center which is surrounded by many peaks. The Karavanke mountain range ends here and landscape gradually transitions into the lower Pohorje and Drava region. From the center of Mežica it is only two kilometres to the state border at Reht where low lying planes of the neighbouring Podjuna spread out.

## On the miners' trails

Mežica is historically known as an important mining centre. The Mežica lead and zinc mine is one of the oldest mines in Europe. According to historical facts mineral resources from beneath Peca were exploited from as early as the late Middle ages and the first formal written sources date back to 1665.



The long years of mining have left a certain mark on the lives of people and the landscape. Today we can find many reminders of the dynamic mining history in the town and its surroundings. To preserve the rich mining heritage some of the most important parts of the mine have been opened for sightseeing tours.

In the tourist mine and the Peca Underground Museum visitors longing for adventure can ride in a real mining train in to the heart of Peca where they can experience how it was to be working in the mine in different periods in history. An important feature of the Mežica mine is also the five kilometre underground biking trail and an underground lake which formed after the mine's closing in 1994.

Exceptional geological structure, cultural, natural and technological heritage of Mežica and wider surroundings formed the basis for the establishment of the cross-border UNESCO global Geopark Karavanke. The geopark is spread over a 1.067 km<sup>2</sup> and includes 14 municipalities on Slovene and Austrian side.



More at: [www.podzemljepece.com](http://www.podzemljepece.com)



## Cultural heritage

- ▶ The town square with a monument depicting a mining family (work of Stojan Batič) which reminds the visitors of the centuries long mining history of the town.
- ▶ Mežica Primary School, built as a town school in historic style with a sculpture of the writer and ethnic historian Vinko Moederndorfer (work of Mirsad Begić).
- ▶ Memorial park with a Second World War tomb (work of Jože Plečnik and Jaroslav Černigoj) and the Alley of the Deserving with busts of the national hero Franc Pasterk Lenart (work of Stojan Batič) and the poet Herman Vogel (work of Mirsad Begić).
- ▶ Granaries in Plat, Gorna and Podkraj which are renowned as the most beautiful part of the homesteads.
- ▶ Late Gothic St. Lenart's church in Plat with a magic chain. The legend says, that if you bite into it you will be relieved of toothaches forever.
- ▶ The St. Jacob's parish church and the St. Ciril and Metod chapel on Peca.

